

# 2026 Nevada State Democratic Party County-Level SCC Member Election Rules

As adopted by the Rules and Bylaws Committee on July 1, 2026

## Election Dates:

- I. The elections shall be held at the first regularly scheduled business meeting of all active county central committees, which falls at least 30 days after the Nevada State Democratic Convention. Each candidate must be a registered Democrat residing in the county in which they are running.
  - a. Any county central committee experiencing practical impediments to implementation of these timing rules, may apply to the Rules and Bylaws Committee for a waiver, so long as a time-certain proposed date of election is specified in the application, and that date is prior to September 30, 2026

## The Elections Committee

- I. The election shall be conducted by each county central committee, in consultation with the Nevada State Democratic Party (NSDP) Rules and Bylaws Committee.
- II. The Chair of each county central committee shall be the Chair of the Elections Committee. The chair shall appoint at least two other persons who are not candidates for the SCC position to constitute the Elections Committee.
- III. The Elections Committee shall accept and verify applications for the SCC positions and shall resolve all disputes concerning voter eligibility
  - a. Electors who believe they have been inappropriately restricted from full voting membership in their county central committee may appeal to the chair of the Nevada State Democratic Party Rules and Bylaws Committee for consideration by the Rules and Bylaws Committee
- IV. The Elections Committee shall facilitate the election process and assist the Chair of the Committee as needed.
- V. The Elections Committee shall conduct the election and ensure the integrity and orderly operation of the election process.
- VI. The Elections Committee shall be present at the election and tabulate the votes
  - a. Any candidate shall be allowed to observe the counting process or have one (1) representative observe for them.

## Nomination Procedures and Deadlines:

- I. Voting members shall be defined as follows:
  - a. All registered Democrats who are duly elected members of their county central committees as confirmed by a roster provided to the Elections Committee by each county chair
- II. Notice of the election and the filing deadline, along with the nomination form will be sent out to the largest email list-serve available to the county party, and all such forms will be made available on the county party website (if one exists). Nomination forms shall be available in a downloadable print format (pdf) and online format (Google form).

- III. Each candidate is required to file a nomination form to run for any SCC position. Along with the nomination form, each candidate may submit an initial statement of qualifications and experience.
- IV. Filing for the 2026 election of county-level SCC members may open on or after July 3, 2026, provided it is at least ten (10) days prior to the next regularly scheduled county central committee meeting
- V. **Closing deadline:** Applicants must complete and submit a nomination form to the Elections Committee either through the online form or designated email no later than two (2) days prior to the meeting at which the election shall be held.
- VI. There shall not be an opportunity to run as a write-in candidate.
- VII. There shall not be an opportunity to be nominated from the floor except in situations where no one files for the open office by the close of the filing deadline. In those cases, nominations for that office only shall be taken from the floor of the meeting at which the election is conducted
- VIII. All candidates who file before the deadline and are determined by the Elections Committee to be eligible shall be considered nominated candidates.
- IX. Forms shall be submitted:
  - a. By e-mail to the Elections Committee, or
  - b. Via an online Google form .

### **Campaigning**

- I. Candidates will be given the opportunity to submit one (1) Candidate Message at the time of filing
  - i. A list of all filed candidates and any candidate message submitted, with personal information redacted, will be sent to all county central committee members at the close of the filing period.
- II. Live Speeches:
  - i. There will be no nominating speeches this election.
  - ii. Each candidate will be given equal time to speak to the voting members before the voting begins. (Time allotment to be determined by the Elections Committee at the close of the nominations filing period).

### **Election Process**

- I. There shall be no proxy voting
- II. Only current members of the county central committee in good standing may vote in the election and votes shall be taken by non-secret ballot in accordance with the bylaws.
- III. Zoom and in-person guests will be removed to the virtual waiting room or a separate physical location during voting to ensure only members cast a vote.
- IV. For any office where there is a single candidate, a voice vote may be taken.
- VI. The top vote-earner shall win the election
- VII. In the case of a tie, the winner shall be chosen by a random game of chance as determined by the Elections Committee.
- VIII. The Chair of the Elections Committee shall report the results. The Elections Committee tally reports will be placed in the permanent record.
- IX. A record of election totals and certification of the winner of the election shall be transmitted by the Chair to the Secretary of the Nevada State Democratic Party within three (3) business

days of the election's conclusion.

### **Challenges**

- I. Any county central committee member may call for a recount and shall advise the Chair of the Elections Committee immediately following the ballot count.
- II. Any county central member may contest the election and shall do so in writing directly to the Chair after vote totals are announced and before the adjournment of the meeting.
- III. In the absence of a challenge, results are final once they have been announced, and the Elections Committee report shall be placed in the permanent record of the meeting.